

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-19 are pending in this application. Claims 16-18 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 16-18 are supported by the original disclosure,¹ no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,421,499, hereinafter Kim) in view of Kageyama (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,442) and further in view of Mishina (U.S. Patent No. 5,745,643).

The outstanding rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 16 recites in part:

wherein said group information includes entry information of the still picture video object, said entry information including additional audio entry number numeral information, and
said still picture additional audio file information includes additional audio entry information for accessing an additional audio stream and number information of the additional audio entry information.

The outstanding Office Action conceded that Kim does not describe a medium including audio information.² The outstanding Office Action cited Kageyama as describing “audio information and management information relating to the audio information.”³ However, it is respectfully submitted that Kageyama does not teach or suggest additional audio entry number numeral information, additional audio entry information for accessing an additional audio stream, and number information of the additional audio entry information.

¹See, e.g. the specification at page 81, line 25 to page 82, line 4 and Figures 31-34.

²See the outstanding Office Action at page 3, lines 17-18.

³See the outstanding Office Action at page 3, lines 18-20.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Kageyama does not teach or suggest "group information" or "still picture additional audio file information" as recited in Claim 16.

As the outstanding Office Action has not cited any portion of Mishina as describing audio information or management information relating to audio information, it is respectfully submitted that Mishina does not teach or suggest either of the above recited features either. Thus, as none of Kim, Kageyama, and Mishina teach or suggest "group information" or "still picture additional audio file information" as recited in Claim 16, Claim 16 (and Claim 19 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Kim in view of Kageyama and further in view of Mishina.

Independent Claims 17 and 18 recite similar elements to Claim 16. Consequently, Claims 17 and 18 are believed to be patentable over Kim in view of Kageyama and further in view of Mishina for at least the reasons described above with respect to Claim 16.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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